

To: FCC Commissioners  
From: David Eklof, President – CODA International, Inc.

Re: doc. 03-123

On behalf of our organization Children of Deaf Adults, Inc. DBA CODA International, Inc. we are in support of the National Association of the Deaf and other consumer organizations' proposal to require that all relay service providers make available a 10 digit telephone public switched telephone network (PSTN).

All of our members have direct links to the deaf community through our parents. ASL (American Sign Language) is the primary language that a majority of our members claim with pride and use this language to communicate with family and friends. With the advent of this newest technology available Codas can now see their parents and communicate much more effectively and efficiently. Codas served as the first relay system since the invention of the telephone, relaying messages from our deaf parents to the hearing person on the other end of the line. We witnessed the development and large acceptance of the TTY by deaf, coda and hearing consumers and the later development of TTY Relay Services.

With the newest technology of Video Phones, Video Relay Services, it should seem to be an acceptable next step to require that providers have a set operating standard for their equipment and an interoperative data base maintained by an independent entity so our members can call directly to their parents, family and friends without having to first make contact by some other means to obtain an I.P. address in order to make a call if the person called isn't registered on the user's equipment's data base server. All users of video phones (Deaf, Coda and Hearing) need a ten digit number system where calls can be made directly to each other with the same effort as a hearing telephone user picking up their phone and dialing a number to reach someone. This truly would give all Video Telephone users equal access.

Sincerely,

David Eklof, President  
CODA International, Inc.